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UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES



DISSOLUTION OF HOLY UNION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, after much prayer, personal effort, and counseling, have determined that we are unable to resolve the extensive differences within our relationship. We affirm that we will be unable to reconcile these differences and that they are having an adverse effect on our Christian growth due to the attitudes that have developed. We further affirm that we now part in Christian Love and without rancor or animosity, resolving to speak well of each other and to cherish the love we have shared as a gift of God.

Therefore, be it known that we do hereby request a dissolution of our Holy Union performed by a Professional Minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches on the 31st day of December, 19 77, in the City of Boston and the State/Province of Ma., by the Reverend Jeffrey Mullins. Signed this 30th day of May, 19 82, in the City/Town of Worcester, and the State/Province of Ma.

Richard Dagnost
* George Richard Baker

I, the undersigned Professional Minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, after prayer and consultation with the above individuals, have determined to the best of my ability that the foregoing statements and conditions are true and do affirm that the Holy Union described above is hereby dissolved and the records of the Church are to be so marked.

☐ I personally officiated at the Holy Union.

☒ I act as an agent for the Minister who officiated at the Holy Union.

Signed: Marjorie F. Ragone Date: 6/12/82

INSTRUCTIONS: For clarity, except for signatures, all information is to be typed and names are to be typed below the signature lines. Three (3) copies are to be distributed as follows: One to each of the two individuals involved, and one to the Church where the Holy Union is recorded. If one member of the Holy Union is not able to be located after a search, type "In Absentia" on the signature line. If one member refuses to sign but does not protest the action, type "Non-Contested" on the signature line. If one member objects to the action and refuses to sign, but the Minister determines the action should be taken for the spiritual and emotional welfare of the individuals, type "In Protest" on the signature line. In any of the above cases, a concerted effort must be made to deliver a copy of this document to the non-signing party.

DO NOT send a copy of this form to the International Offices of UFMCC.

USS Vulcan AR-5
FPO N.Y. 09548

(Susan)

Mo Weimer Lynn Blackwell
30 BO'suns Mate
269- 8758 quarterdeck
No. Carolina - Virginia (22)

me
To yr. in Navy.

1 yr. + 1 mo.

Both in Norfolk - Knew as friends.
Year ago Feb. - 1 yr. lovers.
Sense of humor + sense of humor.
talking her into doing
Lynn hurrying her. things.

HU
Heard abt; on ship

HU - like marriage - O.F. believe -
Sharing of lives - brings closer
together.

2-2A - 11/22/82
84299 4.4 047
Sgs.

Gay 20 yrs.

4 yrs in Navy - Looking for advancement.
coming out when
sublimation over
BFA - drama.

5 yrs. still in -
Va or W. Coast.

Folks know -
Hurt at first,
but wanted her
happiness.
Have not met Mo.

Father knows.
Parents met Lynn
recently.

Some family disagree-
ments, work out -
Don't get up on her.

Good rel. &
folks -

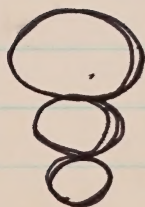
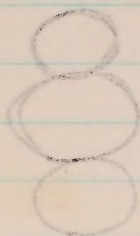
Father retired
Navy in '69 -
Dad's proud of
her.

Auto dealer -
mother housewife

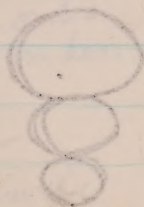
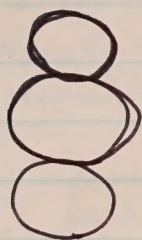
Mother marine
corp - WWII
Civil Serv. for
marines.

Med. size city

Peeler of corn +
church.



SELF - LYNN



25th - 1st May

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This day
I will marry
my friend,
the one I laugh with;
live for,
dream with,
love.

With sincere joy and a firm desire
to give our love the fullest expression
we will be joined in Holy Union
on Saturday, July third
at two o'clock in the afternoon
on the beach
across from the White Dory Inn
Provincetown, Massachusetts
You are invited to share our happiness
as we begin a new life together

Linda Hajjar
and
Karen St. Germain

The background is a light beige color. A decorative border of stylized white flowers and leaves runs along the left, bottom, and right edges. In the upper right corner, there is a Venn diagram consisting of two overlapping circles.

Love
joins our
present
with
the past
and the
future

KHALIL
GIBRAN

Dear Friends,

We invite you to celebrate
with us our ten years together
and share in the blessing of
our future as we join
in Holy Union.

Hope to see you on
July 17th 1982 at
1068 Eilinita, Glendale, Ca. 91208

Dress - Casual

Ceremony - 11 a.m.

Luncheon immediately following

Womyn only - 2-6 p.m.

Love,
Grady & Sharon

R.S.V.P. by 7-14-82

Tel. (213) 896-0651

(213) 897-4222



Michael W. Nelson
and
John Joseph Beck



Michael W. Nelson

and

John Joseph Erik

Cordially invite you
to join them
in the
Celebration
of their
Holy Union

Nelson/Beck
1869 Beacon Street
Brookline, Mass.

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Celebra

with

tion to follow
at our home

1869 Beacon Street
Brookline, Mass.

Please respond by September 4



WEST CHOP LIGHT

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19 August 1981

Dear Marjorie,

We want to thank you for
you time this evening. We
appreciate your questions
and thoughtfulness.

We look forward to meeting
with you again on September
15.

Thank you,
Mary Lou Bell
and
Jane Weissman

(2)

GOFF NOTES
SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Cheri + Gina

South End - Tremont St.
Columbus Ave - heading
~~up~~ Storrow - down E. Berkeley
take left at set of lights
before Police St. or
Charendon - 1st left after -
1st right

8 Taylor St.

Nadia's MidEast Rest.
Near Dover Sta.

White Robes -
Regular H.U.
Rings -

Vestments -

426-5061

Communion -

6⁰⁰ Service

545

Went to school

1st night
Chambers. 1st life after
before. 2nd St. or
take life as we of light
210074. Room 2. 2nd
Columbus Ave. - building
South End. Townsend St.

8 Taylor St.
Habitat. 1st 3rd. 2nd
New Dover St.

Went to school - Went to school
1st night - 1st night
1st night - 1st night

Went to school - 1st night
1st night - 1st night

7/13/82

10:40 AM

Marge-

→ Tony Lockhart }
Steve Martin }

Work # 522-3700 X178

Would like to reschedule an
appointment with you as soon
as possible.

Kathryn

NEW!

Apple Tart

PRA-4-1

TIPS ON SELECTION, CARE AND NUTRITION.



PASTRY:

- 2½ cups flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ⅔ cup butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- 1 egg lightly beaten with water to make ⅓ cup
- Light cream

FILLING:

- 5-6 apples
- ¼ cup water
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- ⅓ cup sugar
- ⅓ cup raisins
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Combine flour, sugar and salt in mixing bowl. Cut in butter or margarine and shortening until crumbly; add egg and water mixture and toss lightly with fork. Form into ball adding a few more drops of water if necessary. Wrap in plastic and chill for at least 1 hour to make dough easier to handle. Pare apples and thinly slice into saucepan (about 6 cups). Add water, cover and simmer until just tender. Combine cornstarch and sugar; stir into apple slices and cook until liquid has thickened. Add raisins, cinnamon, lemon juice and butter or margarine. Cool.

(over)

M.C.C.

father
283-3287
D. K.

Mike for
267-2724
424-1176
tip on art
for
enclaving for

HOW TO SELECT Red Delicious APPLES

APPLE NOTES

Whichever apple variety you choose, look for fresh-looking fruit. Apples should show good color and feel firm. Skins should be smooth and free from bruises. If you buy apples which have been pre-packed in plastic bags, inspect them to ensure good quality.

Handle apples carefully to prevent bruises. Store apples in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. If you have a large number of apples to store, keep them in a cool, dark, well-ventilated place. Warm temperatures cause apples to rapidly lose crispness and flavor, so make sure you keep them cool.

TO ASSEMBLE TART: (continued)

Roll out half of chilled dough into 12-inch circle and press in 8x1½ inch cake pan with removable bottom. Fill with cooked apple mixture. Roll out remaining dough about ¼ inch thick and cut in ½ inch wide strips. Arrange on top of filling making a lattice design. Seal and trim edges. Brush top of pastry with light cream. Bake in 375°F oven for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool for 15 minutes, then remove rim of pan from tart. Cool completely before removing tart from bottom of pan. Serves 8-10.

APPLE ADVANTAGES

Apples have many healthful qualities. They are a well-known aid to digestion and an excellent low-calorie snack. Apples are a source of potassium and other vitamins and minerals. They also provide fiber to the diet and are very low in sodium.

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ARROWWAY (GREENLINE) TO
RAVENSCLIFF STOP. WEST NEWTON
INTERSECTS WITH HUNTINGTON AVE
AT THAT POINT - GO SOUTH

ROSENBERG / BRANDT 247-0911
199 W. NEWTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE SERVICES FOR GAY MEN

This guide is presented for gay men who care about their families, their friends and lovers, who read and travel and enjoy their careers, who love their country and participate in its political process, who are concerned about their physical and mental health, who want to grow as human persons, with dignity, and with the esteem of their neighbors, and who require that professional services be both sensitive and discreet.

This guide is for men in New Hampshire who consider homosexuality a normal, healthy orientation; just as heterosexuality is considered normal and healthy for others.

The American Psychiatric Association does not consider being gay an illness; yet gay men must deal with the intolerance of many doctors and lawyers, and with the irrational fears of certain clergy and police. Our state has no anti-gay laws; yet gay men are frequently mistreated by neighbors or family members who are homophobic.

Human service providers may find this guide helpful in directing gay men toward existing programs and support groups. Additional leaflets may be ordered. Call: Gay Counseling Services (603) 224-6931, or write: Concord Men's Group, PO Box 832, Concord, NH 03301.

Support Groups Sharing concerns, making new friends, finding a lover, coming-out, community service, discussion and coffee on a weekly basis.

Nashua Men's Group
PO Box 3472 (NAG)
Nashua, NH 03061
424-3252

Keene Men's Group
PO Box 461 (Gemini)
W. Swanzey, NH 03569
239-4431

Manchester Group (MGM)
PO Box 832
Concord, NH 03301
224-6931

Concord Men's Group
PO Box 832
Concord, NH 03301
224-6931

Seacoast Group
PO Box 1394
Portsmouth, NH 03801
439-1623

Northern N.H. (LOGS)
PO Box 703
St. Johnsbury, VT 05301
863-5164

Lebanon Group
PO Box 479 (SAM)
Norwich, VY 05055
649-1304

Gay Student Assn.
Hinman, Box 5058
Dartmouth, College
Hanover, NH 03755

Belknap Alternative Group
PO Box 1134
Laconia, NH 03246
524-0863

Campus Gay Awareness
Memorial Union, UNH
Durham, NH 03824

Support Groups (Youth) For young men over sixteen; social and educational programs. Alcohol and drugs not permitted. Meet new friends and share "growing up gay".

Merrimack Valley Youth Group
PO Box 218
Nashua, NH 03061
(603) 424-3252

Concord Area Gay Youth (CAGY)
PO Box 832
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-6931

Boston Alliance Gay/Lesbian Youth (BAGLY)
GCN Box 10GY
167 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111

These groups are open to working or student membership. Lesbians call: 224-3785, NH Lambda.

Medical Services The nearest gay health agency is in Boston, yet there are 3 clinics in N.H. that welcome gay men. They emphasize the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STD).

Gay Health Collective
Fenway Community Health Center
16 Haviland Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 267-7573

The STD Clinic
Feminist Health Center
232 Court Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801
(603) 436-7588

Free VD Clinic
Monday 4:30 - 6:00
795 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03101
(800) 852-3345 Ext 4487

Free VD Clinic
Thursday 7:00 - 8:30
18 Mulberry Street
Nashua, NH 03060
(800) 852-3345 Ext 4490

Recreational Services An athletic club for lesbians and gay men of New England, Chiltern Mountain Club offers hiking, camping, canoeing, skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing, birdwatching, volleyball, basketball, potluck suppers, etc. All trips and events are organized voluntarily by members. Monthly newsletter to members, of upcoming events, serves as a vehicle to share activities of members' creation.

Chiltern Mountain Club
Bliss Woodruff, Secretary
25 Fulton Street
Nashua, NH 03060

NH Gay Infoline Information and Referral Service
(10 AM to 10 PM) 224-6931.

Counseling Services Individual and group therapy for gay couples, parents of gays, gay married men, teenagers, and single men. Information, referral and consultation services. Affirmative therapeutic models for gay lifestyles.

Joseph Allen, M. Ed.
Clinical Counselor
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-6931

Bert Hardy, Ph. D
Certified Psychologist
17 Nute Street
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 742-9490

Legal Services Gay relationship contracts, estate planning (wills), partnerships, income tax preparation, power of attorney, civil and criminal litigation. These are services of three law firms that advertise in the gay community:

Ward, Rizzo & Lund
2 Park Square
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 426-2020

Snyder and Sweeney
102 Union Wharf
Boston, MA 02109
(617) 227-0606

Buseck & Ansolabehere
2 Park Square
Boston, MA 20116
(617) 426-9244

For an in-state attorney, call NH Gay Information and Referral (603) 224-6931.
Defenders of civil rights:

Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)
Two Park Square
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 426-1350

NH Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
11 South Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 225-3080

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund (LLDEF)
132 West 43 Street
New York, NY 10036
(212) 944-9488

National Gay Rights Advocates
540 Castro Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

Alcoholics Gay AA support groups meet in Durham at Hood House (UNH) on Friday at 8:00, and in Burlington, VT on Tuesday. More information: AA 24-hour Answering Service 668-3326, or (802) 863-5164.

Suncook Project Friendship and emotional support to gay men in prison via letters. For project description and listings call: Suncook, NH 485-5612.

NH Information Outlet Governor's Office of Human Resources, offers information & referral services, toll-free: (800) 852-3311.

The Bars Gay bars in NH are private clubs registered with the state liquor commission. Membership costs five dollars annually; guests can be signed-in. Bars have disco dancing and live DJ; some have piano bar or poolroom. Club Merri-Mac is a women-only bar at 201 Merrimack St., Manchester.

Club Vegas (484)
70 Hanover Street
Manchester

Seaport Club
Route 1 Bypass
Portsmouth

Front Runner
361 Pine Street
Manchester

DiRocco's Cabaret
Rte 3A, Frost Road
Tyngsboro, Mass.

Club Continental
76 West Central
Manchester

Andrew's Inn
On The Square
Bellow's Falls, VT

The Daily Planet
15 Amherst Street
Manchester

Mayflower
(24-hour restaurant)
1055 Elm St., Manchester

Boston boasts 25 gay bars, some with very specialized services, i.e. leather bars are meeting places for gay motorcycle clubs (Vikings, Trident, Entre Nous, ASMC, and Rubber Ducky). Inquire: Boston Ramrod. 1254 Boylston St., or The Eagle, The Rifleman.

Parents of Gays A support group for parents and friends of gay men and lesbians. Host parents: Ronald and Sandi Simoneau, 140 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH 03051 (near Nashua) Call: 880-7219.

Travel Agent Forex Travel, 76 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116. (617) 482-2900.

Gay & Aging A support system for men over fifty that advocates recognition of wisdom and experience in elders of the gay community. Address inquiries: Joseph Allen, M. Ed., Concord Men's Group, Box 832, Concord, NH 03301 or call (603) 224-6931.

Speakers' Bureau Two groups offering to speak at group meetings or classrooms:

NH Lambda
PO Box 1043
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-3785

Gay Speakers Bureau
PO Box 2232
Boston, MA 02107
(617) 354-0133

Book Store The best bookstore for gay literature in New England, a real feast of good reading and photography:

Glad Day Bookstore
43 Winter Street
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 542-0144

Newspaper, Journals Here are five of the best sources of news and research regarding lesbians and gay men:

Gay Community News
167 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
(weekly)

Journal of Homosexuality
Haworth Press, Inc.
28 East 22 Street
New York, NY 10010
(quarterly)

The Advocate
PO Box 5846
San Mateo, CA 94402
(bi-weekly)

Homosexual Health Report
Liebert Publishers
157 East 86 Street
New York, NY 10028
(quarterly)

Christopher Street
250 W. 57th Street
Suite 412
New York, NY 10107
(monthly)

Religious Services Promoting quality relationship, social justice, and vehicles for the spirituality of lesbians and gay men:

Ministry Group
(monthly)
Concord area
224-6399

Dignity Group
(biweekly)
PO Box 208
Durham, NH 03824
868-5565

Metropolitan Community
Church (MCC)
Boston, MA
(617) 523-7664

Dignity/MV
PO Box 321
Methuen, MA 01844

Exodus Center Inc.
25 Huntinton Ave.
Boston, MA 02116

The Exodus Center features monthly workshops and weekend retreats for New England's gay community. Donna Taylor, Executive Director.

Gay Rights The price of liberty is vigilance. Here are three gay lobbying groups.

Human Rights Campaign Fund
PO Box 2430
Boston, MA 02208

Gay Rights National Lobby
PO Box 1892
Washington, DC 20013

National Gay Task Force
80 Fifth Ave., Suite 1601
New York, NY 10011

Your contributions to such groups are tax-deductable with the IRS.

Professional Associations Support groups for gay professional persons and for professionals serving gay clienteles:

Gay & Lesbian Physicians of New England
PO Box 971 (GALPONE)
Boston, MA 02117

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders
2 Park Square
Boston, MA 02116

Task Force on Gay Issues
National Assn of Social Workers
1425 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

Human Service Workers
A monthly Colloquium
Concord, NH 225-5622

New Ways Ministry
4012 29th Street
Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

National Assn of Gay Alcoholism Profes-
sionals (NAGAG)
204 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011

Association of Gay Psychologists
PO Box 29527
Atlanta, GA 30359

National Gay Health Educational Foundation
Box 677, Old Chelsea Station
New York, NY 10011

The Gay Task Force
American Library Association
PO Box 3283
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Golden Gate Police Officers, Inc.
850 Bryant, Room 553
San Francisco, CA 04103
(support group for gay & lesbian officers)

American Psychiatric Association
Gay Caucus Newsletter
Boston, MA

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FREE FISH

RECIPES

CHANGE YOUR KITCHEN INTO A FISHERMAN'S WHARF

Durkee

ROASTIN' BAG MIXES FOR FISH

MICROWAVE
DIRECTIONS
INCLUDED



Try these tasty recipes using Durkee's Roastin' Bag Mixes for Fish...the only product with a sauce mix and a roasting bag.

IMPORTANT:

PLEASE NOTE THESE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

For each recipe, preheat oven to 350°F. and use a baking dish 1-1/2 to 2 inches deep and large enough to contain entire bag. Place roasting bag in dish before adding recipe ingredients; close open end with twist-tie. Punch 4 small holes along the top of bag. Place dish on rack in lower half of oven, leaving at least 10 inches between rack positions to allow for expansion of bag.

MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS

Cooking times may vary depending on your particular oven, so check manufacturer's manual for more specific time charts.

ADDITIONAL RECIPES

Each of Durkee's Roastin' Bag Mixes for Fish features other delicious recipe variations on their individual packages.

CREAMY CONFETTI FILLETS



- 1 package (1-1/8 oz.) Durkee Roastin' Bag Creamy-Dill Sauce Mix for Fish
- 1 pound unbreaded fish fillets (thawed if frozen)
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed and drained
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon Durkee Seasoned Salt
- 1/8 teaspoon Durkee Ground Black Pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. Place fish in roasting bag. Spoon vegetables over fish. Combine sauce mix with remaining ingredients; pour over fish and vegetables in bag. Refer to general instructions for roasting bag use. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 20-25 minutes. Cut top of bag; remove fish to serving platter and spoon sauce and vegetables over fish. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

Microwave Directions: Prepare according to recipe, except fasten open end of bag with a string. Cook on High for 7-9 minutes, rotating dish 1/2 turn halfway through cooking time. Allow to stand 5 minutes before serving.

CANADIAN STYLE FILLETS

- 1 package (7/8 oz.) Durkee Roastin' Bag Lemon Butter Sauce Mix for Fish
- 1 pound unbreaded sole fillets (thawed if frozen)
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon Durkee Garlic Powder
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon Durkee Bacon Chips
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese



Preheat oven to 350°. Place fish in roasting bag. Combine sauce mix, water, mustard and garlic powder. Stir in celery; pour over fish in bag. Top fish with bacon chips and cheese. Refer to general instructions for roasting bag use. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Cut top of bag; remove fish to serving platter and spoon sauce over fish. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

Microwave Directions: Prepare according to recipe, except fasten open end of bag with string. Cook on High 7-9 minutes, rotating dish 1/2 turn halfway through cooking time. Allow to stand 5 minutes before serving.

MONTEREY BACON FILLETS



- 1 package (1-1/8 oz.) Durkee Roastin' Bag Creamy-Dill Sauce Mix for Fish
- 1 pound unbreaded fish fillets (thawed if frozen)
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 3 tablespoons Durkee Bacon Chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Place fish in roasting bag. Combine sauce mix and water. Pour over fish in bag. Top fish with cheese and bacon chips. Refer to general instructions for roasting bag use. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 20-25 minutes. Cut top of bag; remove fish to serving platter and spoon sauce over fish. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

Microwave Directions: Prepare according to recipe, except fasten open end of bag with string. Cook on High 6-8 minutes, rotating dish 1/2 turn halfway through cooking time. Allow to stand 5 minutes before serving.

SEAFOOD PARMESAN SUPREME

- 1 package (1-1/8 oz.) Durkee Roastin' Bag Creamy-Dill Sauce Mix for Fish
- 1 package (6 oz.) frozen cooked shrimp, thawed and drained
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 pound unbreaded fish fillets (thawed if frozen)
- 2/3 cup water



Preheat oven to 350°. Layer shrimp in roasting bag. Sprinkle with half of the Parmesan cheese. Arrange fish fillets on top and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Combine sauce mix with water and pour over fish in bag. Refer to general instructions for roasting bag use. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 20-25 minutes. Cut top of bag; remove fish to serving platter and spoon sauce over fish. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

Microwave Directions: Prepare according to recipe, except fasten open end of bag with string. Cook on High for 7-9 minutes, rotating dish 1/2 turn halfway through cooking time. Allow to stand 5 minutes before serving.

Paul Peollet

~~714-620-0748~~

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Resource_____

Rec. Rec. #_____

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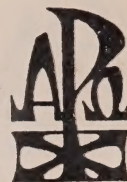
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Metropolitan Community Church

OF VENTURA



4949 Foothill Road
Ventura, California

Sunday Services-6:30 pm

Rev. Marge Ragona, Pastor

Mailing Address:

Box A-O

Ventura, Ca. 93001

805-485-9994

Agenda

Clerk's report

Treas. report & Pledge Drive

✓ Elect. / App't. of Delegates

✓ Women's Fall programming -

✓ Men's rap in Fall

✓ Gay pride day - Rick Creasey

✓ NCC -

✓ Autumn Outreach - Colleges Return

✓ Flea market

Louise being ord. deacon at Port. Me.

Gay Pride Sunday - Stimulate desire to march.

Comm. dinner

Probleen

✓ greeting committee

Student Clergy -

Full active NCC member is more than just being in worship service.

Financial sense, social & counseling.

pr to work e.

Metropolitan Community Church

OF VENTURA



4949 Foothill Road
Ventura, California

Rev. Marge Ragona, Pastor

Mailing Address:
Box A-0
Ventura, Ca. 93001
805-485-9994

Sunday Services-6:30 pm

Leslie - min. of Outreach.
No

Outreach - looking out for
Hisp. minister to do outreach.

Need for consistent invitation
first time here
Anyone from another MCC
Everyone invited to Ruby's
home tags.
Coffee hour
Come to piano to talk

Discussion on Role of clergy
+ student clergy.

Setting time for Bd. meeting.

Marge will be away 2 wks in July.

Lou Philpot - to be invited
to work on fund raiser
for gay pride week.
Is Lou going to Toronto.

Pledge Committee

Mt. divided list, forms
needed to take to attenders
and members of church.
Minimal arm twisting
needed.

Need to do before June
vacations.

Marge to work on
this.

Marge to work
on this.

Arthur to invite
Leslie for the 1st
Thurs in June → 6/2

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The ceremony will be at five o'clock

Saturday, the fourteenth of November

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Metropolitan Community Church

Old West Church

131 Cambridge Street

Boston, Massachusetts

Reception

immediately following

480 Main St.

Hanover, Ma.

August 22, 1983

Dear Rev. Marge,

Well, 'Round-Up '83 is all over but the shoutin'.....we did not have as many people as last year because of other things happening at the same time, the beach, and the weather was extremely hot. Last year we had it the latter part of October and it was too cold. Probably around the middle of September would be the best time. Even though we had a smaller crowd we still made, after all is collected, \$960.00.....more than last year. We are extremely grateful. However, I am now retired for a while. I told them next year I would be happy to be an Injun' but someone else was welcome to the Chief position. We are lucky to have so many people in the church that are more than willing to work. Ofcourse, we have the usual number that cannot seem to find the time, but that's ok...they usually turn out for the events.

Attached is a clipping from our local paper. Steve sent out the notice to three papers last week. Two printed the item, but the Pensacola paper did not. Steve has an appointment today to talk to them about the omission... I hope it was just an over-sight and not a refusal to print it. Anyway , we will find out.

We had 45 people in church yesterday. The momentum of your visit is still moving. Several of our regulars were absent...so if all had been present, the congregation would have been even larger. For the first time in a long time, we feel we are following God's direction. We have always known ~~he~~ ^{the Holy Spirit} was with us, but I feel we have not always done what we should. For the first time, God's Church is open to everyone. If that has been accomplished, surely we have acted correctly. (You will notice the above correction.....bare with me, it is purely habit because I feel I truly understand what you and others are saying. When I realized that this was nothing new to me and that I had always believed that Spirit could have no gender, I understood. It is unfortunate, in my opinion, that people who believe this have to be labeled. To me the labels are harsh...while the ideas expressed are sound.)

I shared a portion of your letter with the congregation Sunday. You can feel the love and respect that they appear to have for you. We too, wish you could 'run away' now to Pensacola. We hope to stay busy and keep the fire going. With God's help I have no doubt it will be accomplished. However, as you said, when you are waiting, six weeks is a long time.

I do hope that Rev. Lincoln can be present for your Installation. Will you issue the invitation? If you don't think that proper, we will ofcourse do it. That will be a busy and exciting Sunday for us all. We plan to have our annual Congregation Meeting that day since Rev. Fleschner will be here. The Saturday before is our regular 'pot-luck' night. So that will fit in nicely. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXX~~ (As you can see, I am no typist.....but I try.)

Steve tells me that he has gotten some information off to you. Classifieds, etc. I hope all of these things will be of help to you and Pat. I really feel that you will find something that pleases you. I am grateful to Micki for her invitation to you. This will allow you time to 'pick and choose'. Have you decided whether you would prefer to be closer to the church or to your work, if you decide to work part-time. We all hope that you can maintain office hours and we truly hope that we have the necessary growth to allow the church to increase your salary. We would like to see you full time and we will work to this end." Have Thine Own Way, Lord".

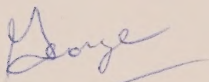
Terry has sold all of the Crosses that you so generously donated. In fact, I think he has a back order for 10 or so. We have people working on making more, they were well received. I would like to see everyone in the church have one. Terry and Steve decided that the proceeds from the sales would go into the Deacon's fund and be disbursed to help in the fight against AID's. I hope this meets with your approval.

Terry and Steve continue to minister to the congregation in a very positive way. They are both quick to announce at every opportunity the date of your first service. You have a good cheering section in those two. I feel the majority of the church members think they have done a good job under the circumstances. Ofcourse, Terry is my spouse which may ofcourse make me a little prejudiced, but I hope that I am at the place that I would not let this keep me from seeing the truth. Anyway, my point is, I feel they will both do everything they can to be of assistance to you.

We hope to have the office finished before you arrive. We are expanding it a little to allow the book shelves that are in there now to be used from both sides. There will be a door to the Alter area and one into the social hall. We are planning to use drapes rather than a wall to separate the Sanctuary from the social area. This will allow us almost the full use of the building for Services. I feel we will need the space soon. We must start giving thought to getting more chairs. I must constantly pray for patience...I do get over anxious to have everything completed. It may be awhile before we can afford the drapery material...but I'm sure in time it will happen.

I guess I have rambled enough...but I do want to keep you up to date. Please keep us informed of your progress in packing.....no fun, is it?

Terry and I both send our love,



P.S. 16 of the people present Sunday were Men. Some old members are returning.

P.P.S. Micki again forgot to bring your Cross....we need to get her some string for every finger.....

Weekend devo

News of Area Churches

Ocean City Baptist Church

A children's film festival featuring films with spiritual emphasis will be held Aug. 22-24 at Ocean City Baptist Church, 428 Racetrack Road. All children ages 5-12 are invited to the showing, to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information or transportation call 862-4012.

76ers and Kyle Rote Jr., former pro soccer champion. The public is invited.

Metropolitan Church

Metropolitan Community Church of Pensacola announces the appointment of the Rev. Marge Ragona to the local pulpit. The Rev. Ragona is an ordained minister with 10 years' experience in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. She is coming from the Boston area.

The Rev. Ragona's first service will be Oct. 2 at the Pensacola church. For information call 433-8528.

St. Peter's Catholic Church

Father James Bluett of St. Peter's Catholic Church will soon be leaving the area. The members of St. Peter's will have a farewell picnic for him on Aug. 28 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at Liza Jackson Park in Fort Walton Beach. A presentation will be made at 3. Participants should bring a picnic lunch for their family. Everyone is welcome.

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Docie Bass Gym Closed

The gym at the Docie Bass Recreation Center will be closed this weekend. The regular hours of 2-5 will be observed next Saturday and Sunday.

Bruner Band Parents

Bruner Band Parents will kick off the new school year with a covered-dish supper Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All students, beginning and marching band, and their families are invited. Each family is requested to bring one meat dish, one vegetable dish and a salad or dessert.

NCOA

For Commando Chapter, NCOA, will meet at 7 in the Commando's Cove NCO Club at Field. Information and highlights of the con-ed in Las Vegas will be addressed. All active duty, veterans, retirees and civilian guests are invited. For information call 243-1127.

Sons of Italy Games

Sons of Italy Concettina Tisa Lodge 2508 will play tonight and every Saturday night in the hall, 509 John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Early start at 6 and regular games are at 7. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments offered. Call for information.

Doubles

g'n Doubles will dance this evening at Pasars 334 Lovejoy Rd., Fort Walton Beach, from 8-11. Any Sicuranza is caller. Visitors welcome. For information, call Pat or Barb at 244-3756.

DAV Games Night

Ground Chapter 72, DAV, will hold games

196 Circle Drive) with the early bird game starting at 6:30. The public is invited. Snacks available. No one under 18 permitted.

Humane Society Thrift Shop

The Humane Society Thrift Shop is open today from 10-2. The shop is located at 628 Lovejoy Road, behind the shelter.

St. Mary's Games Night

Games are hosted every Saturday evening with the early bird at 7:30 in the school cafeteria, adjacent to St. Mary's Catholic Church. The church is directly behind the Fort Walton Beach Library. Snacks and beverages are available. The public is invited. No minors, please.

Delta Zeta Alumnae

Delta Zeta Sorority Alumnae will hold a garage sale today from 7 to noon at 4 Hampton Court, Mary Esther. The public is invited. Proceeds will go to the

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Hi!

Praise God - we continue to maintain with 42 in the morning service and up to 17 in the evening service. Terry and I are still alternating services now that he is free on Sundays again. I had really missed him - he and George are very dear friends and I'm sure when you learn to know them, you will find them to be also. Terry and I started membership classes today with six in attendance and have had three of our past male members return. One told me it was the only way to get me off his doorbell - I have been going by his apartment every Sunday morning to get him up. Didn't this morning and he showed up with a big grin on his face.

Here's this weeks - want-ads and a copy of this last Friday's "Faith" section of the newspaper. This is a real first and we have a promise of future use of this section. There is so much good happening to us; that it's a little scary at times - George did share your last letter and I believe strongly in "giving our faith away."

Please keep us in your prayers - we do have one lady in membership class who we are praying for and I have encouraged to talk with you when you arrive - She verbalizes a lot of interest in "who has power in the church" and "not caring about the Fellowship." Maybe we are a little gunshy with Betty fresh in our minds - other than prayer, reaching out in love and giving her the ByLaws and SOP's - any suggestions ??

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I have kept on in your program - in the morning
and in the evening. I'm sure we are working for
and I have encouraged to talk with you. I'm
now coming - the magazine is a lot of interest in
"the new power in the church" and "out and
about the church." Maybe we are a little group
with 1000 fresh in our minds - other than proper
working out in time and giving us the system
and 2000 - my suggestions.

I hope about another letter with me - the one
that told me - we had talked on the

phone and George ask me to write to him. Marge if you are sure about Keith, then we will do everything we can to find him housing and a list of potential employers - I would be willing to drive him around for some job interviews as well. George, Jerry and I decided also that we should share something with you, so that you will be patient with us on this. About three months ago, we had a young man call the church and give a story almost identical to the one Keith wrote to George. In an attempt to help this person, we first checked his story with the police and then gave him transportation to church activities over a week-end. Two of the girls housed him for a couple of days while he looked for work and waited to hear from his family. The girls had to go out of town, so I allowed him to stay with me. In two days time, while I was at work, he forged several hundred dollars worth of checks, used credit card numbers to obtain cash, took money and stole my dads pick-up; which we later got back. Let me just say that there was never any sexual overtones in his staying with me - I'm old fashioned enough; in a heterosexual way, that I want sex with someone I care about and not just anyone. However as you can see, we have had our share of experiences and are a wee bit cautious. This same thing happened to two other churches here in Pensacola the same week. By description, someone different at each church. The one thing is that P-Cola is such

a transient town we get a lot of this activity. We do look for the good in everyone and I hope you don't take this the wrong way — we are just careful about unlocking some doors. And like I said before — if you feel that everything is fine, we will do everything to welcome him to a new town. As George knew also, I will be looking for someone to share an apartment with in the last of October — Nov 1st at the latest. I also do not smoke, drink or use any type of recreational drug (some feel I'm quite the bore); I stay very much on a high with my Lord. Probably as you could tell when you were here — my one big vice is eating — do I love to do that.

Sorry got a little wordy — take care — give Pat a hug and our love — You are both very much in our hearts and prayers.

In God's Love & Mine

Steve

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is eating - the I love to do that.

I am not a little messy - take care -
you put a bag and you love -
you are both very much in our hearts
and forever.

Love, Elizabeth & Mike

After

Marge + Pat



Janet Hronjak

Claire Holston
Bentley College
P.O. Box 547

899-9682

Waltham, MA. 02254

(20)

(19)

Known 8 mos. - only lived tog. 2 weeks.

Met in a bar - Buds of a Teacher - No. Salem, N.Y.

Stratford, Conn. - ^{Sophomore}
uses to know ea. other in Danbury.

Saw each other every day.

H.U. Commitment.

Important - love &
want to share.

Mo. Germ. J. Hung.
2 Bros. (twins)
Not close family.
Came out to family.
(mother) (father)

Saw psychologist -
family, for them to
deal.

Parents know she is -
Claire. Inter-racial
issue. (long standing
issue & parents.)

Mother. H.W. - Retail.
Father - Bridgport Brass

Stanford, Conn. projects.
Parents work →
Danbury.
Fights over independence
from mother.
Only child of father -
Mother had 3 children -
next oldest 11 yrs. older.

Not out to parents -
toed sister.

Easier w/ father. Mother
would be worse.

Baseplayer.
Father - Sup. Pitney Bowes
Mother - Clinical Analyst.

June 1917

Glenn Hotel
Ketchikan
P.O. Box 247

Waltham, Mass. 02524

879-9482

19

Dear Mr. [unclear] - very kind to [unclear]

That is a lot - [unclear] - [unclear] - [unclear] - [unclear]

Thank you, [unclear]
I need to know [unclear] in [unclear]

and [unclear] very [unclear]

Important - [unclear]
[unclear] to [unclear]

H. H. [unclear]

Thank you, [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] - [unclear]
[unclear] (unclear)

[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

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[unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

Bapt. Lutheran
Settle down VA. —————>

1 1/2 yrs. college - No college -
Am Hist buff -

want to adopt a child.

Horses / beach /
sightseeing

snow + water
skiing - hiking
camping.

Friends mostly from ship -
some bars, bands, talk -

2 1/2 years, longest - First long
change / change - relationship.

accident prone.
19 broken bones.

Calculus

→

Calculus 1A

Calculus 1B

Calculus 1C

Calculus 1D

Calculus 1E

Calculus 1F

Calculus 1G

Calculus 1H

Calculus 1I

Calculus 1J

Calculus 1K

Calculus 1L

Calculus 1M

MAID
OF
HONOR



Father of the
Groom



BEST
MAN



GROOM
(BRIDE)



BRIDE
(GROOM)



Handy
on
M-13

(Baker)
Cook

Handy
on
M-13

(Baker)
Cook

Handy
on
M-13

Richard + Charlotte

July 17th

○ Father of
the Groom.

BEST
MAN ○

○ MAID OF
HONOR

○
GROOM
(BRIDE)

○
BRIDE
(GROOM)

○
ME

Rehearsal
July 13th

Kilgus & Chandler

High
Bent

(Bleed)
Good

ME

the crown
Hollow

140000
wind

(Bleed)
Good

Just as if
known

Feb 14 1915

Howard athletic, built
boats. Was in
Marine Corps.
54-56. Married
while in service.

Stayed in steel industry
after war.

Gay - first exp. at 14.
14-18 6-8 exp. during.
Married at 20. (for 25 yrs.)
2 children.

Felt guilty about host
feelings. Marriage
counseling. Therapy
4 years, didn't help
except to express
self better.

Fundi church - prayed
for several years.

Psychologist - self-
acceptance. Had to
leave wife.
Jan 79 - 80 Divorce.

Chris - artistic, spurred
on by teachers.

200+ books, films, art
director for educ. books.
Fdm on Catherine of Siena.
Writes short stories.

2 rel. (one 10 yrs older)
almost Father-Son. In
college, lover would
not move to Conn.

Outgrew relationships.
Went back & forth between
Peter & Eric.

Met another man, Eric.
Irresponsible. Same age.
Drunk (Eric). Days of
wines & roses. Now on
drugs, street person.
(Date rescuer/victim).
Have money. 2

relation skips in 10 yrs.
Had relat. in woman
thought in love. She
thought she could
change him. In
counseling,

445-6040 m/c.

Protocol for Holy Union Counseling

Session I - History (2 hrs.)

Sample Questions

1. Name + address, phone # of each (or both) party (ie).
2. Ages
3. Why are they interested in a holy union?
4. How do they feel the H.U. will change their relationships.
5. Previous legal marriages, legal status
6. Any children
7. Longest previous relationship
8. Status of that relationship; status of most recent previous relationships.
9. Why did previous relationship ~~end~~^(s)?
10. a. How long have they known each other.
b. Lived together (min. 6 mos.)
c. Contemplated H.U.
11. Where was each born, grew up, attended school;
a. Highest education at level.
b. Career training
12. Occupation
13. What did ~~father~~^{does}, mother earn living at?
14. Relationships c parents, family, children, etc.
15. Acceptance of partner by family
16. Age at "coming out?" or
17. How long gay?
18. Has this been shared c family?
19. Family acceptance.
20. Income level, indebtedness, financial stability
21. How do you feel about our conversation.

Session 2. Communication, autonomy, inter-relationships.

1. How do you deal w/ anger?
2. What was the most serious argument you two ever had?
3. How was it resolved?
4. Has it recurred?
5. Do you have friends in common?
6. What social groups are you part of?
7. What interests do you share?
 - a. hobbies
 - b. sports
 - c. arts (theater, etc.)
 - d. role of religion in lives
 1. Church of childhood
 2. Still attending, age when stopped.
 3. Last active participation.
8. How do they see each other?
 - a. TA PAC "snowman".
9. How do they see selves?
 - b. TA PAC "snowman". (comparison/contrast)
10. How good is communication - scale of 1-5.
11. Two situations to assess communication:
 - A. Car
 - B. Illness/Bringing home friend.
12. Role of fidelity (monogamy vs. non-monogamy)
13. Is either into "role-playing"?
14. Do they feel Hq. will actually merge their personalities or just their lives?



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John Jos. Beck Michael W. Nelson
1869 Beacon St.
Mail Hll Brookline 02146
format 21 36

1 yr. October - Hll Oct 2.

Met at Halloween party.

Wanted legitimized ceremony
from real arg.

Watching, Minneapolis
N.J. 5 yrs in Boston
accounting
stock brock.

Penn State U.
At Boston State.

Work in corp. adm.
B.F.A. + grad school
20 yrs. in theater

Many friends out of state. Somewhat
isolated now.

Father - Ph.D. chemist
Quality control -
Stepmother - real estate.
Mother -
Died age 4 -

Vickie Jo Woolard

Barbara
Denault

927-1768

2 years Sept. 4 - (7⁰⁰ pm)

Sept. 4th - Friday

Check in Methodists to see if church
available.

HM Good reasons.

Met through Barbara's ex lover.

37

38

Both prev. married.

Divorced (1981)

16 years

Still married.
7 years (left
1969)

2 boys - 12, 15

3 girls 19, 17, 15

Kids have not been told. It would
depend on mood if B. told children -
could be critical. best married -
in process of divorce.

Kids like Barb. Helpful. Jay finds
Barb's girls difficult. Karen into
drugs, alcohol.

32 First relat. &
woman. Tomboy
& afraid turn into
person like father.
Highly sexed & mother
hates him.

& Hil going to
Haddon College -
given whole trip
by pastors - leading
younger girl astray.
Knew even a year.

Went to retreat,
mentally broken &
discouraged woman
she met. Woman
still harassing
her. Known for
5 years. 2 years
of hell re. this woman.
avoiding being gay.

13 (12)
seeing 23 year old -
few here & there -
last one 12-13 years
ago.

Mother suggested
she marry - older
man (62). Still
around. Sees
once in a while.
Think no good
living & woman.

Barb happy for the
first time in years.
All the mess
has brought them
closer together.

—
was alcoholic -
stopped drinking.
thought money was
love - Barb
gave them all.
and child beat
Vickie up.

H. S.

Bapt-Lutheran
1 year ago
joined hrs.
of God.

Stepfather - Head of
Parks Division
Fla. Mother -
Bookkeeper for
an studio in
Palm Beach. Still
working.

Worked at Beverly
Hosp. Now on
disability - Hopes
to get back.

Boys father gives
money. Working or
on disability/welfare.

HS.

Congreg. Church.

Dad machinist
on disab for
10 years. Hurt
his arm.

Mother house-
wife.

Resp. problem
Alpha, anti-
trypsin defic,
asthmatic -

Gets pretty
discouraged.

Stress needs to
be avoided.

On disability
for years.

owns 2 fam. home
& is on welfare.

will continue to live separately
for the time being + because of
kids will not be put together until
future.

Barry
day
782-2194 (home)
924-7800 (nita)
(3:30-11)

Long
City

628-8889

Sheehan's
426-3921 Church
Mr. Dow Goods
Store School
Jordan Park

628-6373
Sunday
Church

Things to do TODAY

DATE _____

✓ ☐

1	Chick Fitzmorris		
2	Norma Hohl		
3	3550 Samuel St.		
4	Oxnard 93030 #3		
5			
6	983-1268 Phone at		
7	Sherry Heuser		
8			
9	April 1980 - in rel.		
10	Living tog. Sept '80 (4 mos.)		
11	Arriving for March 8th.		
12			
13	Check 27	Tarima 21	
14	Meet on the Norton Sound		
15	Engineer	Quartermaster	
16	Paper Muel-	Navy & H.S.	
17	BarTender	Missouri	
18	Reimford, Me.		
19			
20			

Things to do TODAY

DATE _____

✓ □

1	Chick	Norma		
2	HS Grad.	HS Grad.		
3	1/2 Sem. College			
4	Orono, Me.			
5				
6	Why H.U.?	Norma		
7	Thinks she'd like to			
8	"give gift of myself"			
9	Chick - "something special"			
10				
11	were in NS ⁸ group - dropped			
12	charges -			
13	Going to Hawaii 9th.			
14	Father			
15	HS Custodian	Carpenter		
16	Mother			
17	Dr's Recept.	Homemaker		
18	Pharmacy	Factory		
19				
20				

Things to do TODAY

DATE _____

✓ □

1	Chick - Catholic		
2	Not active - went to		
3	Church - Last time 2 yrs ago.		
4	One to chapel -		
5			
6	Norma - Baptist		
7	Us. organizes religion -		
8	Brought up "inside"		
9	Church - ? commitment.		
10			
11	Chick - Believes in God -		
12	directing lives. Blessed.		
13			
14	Marr.		
15	never	never	
16	No children	No children	
17			
18	Gay 25	18	
19	Small town		
20			

Things to do TODAY

DATE _____

✓ ☐

longest relat.

1	Male - HS.	1 1/2 lived		
2	this is longest	500 mi from		
3	gay relat.	each other,		
4		<u>Distance</u>		
5				
6	Currently living together.			
7	Not a rule -			
8	Free flowing -			
9	Both take garbage out.			
10				
11	like best - Chick vs. Norma			
12	"way she treats me"			
13	like least - powder on B/c rug			
14	Norma vs. Chick			
15	Acceptance - openness			
16	"Spoils her".			
17				
18	worst fight - jealousy -			
19	<u>Norma flirts -</u>			
20				

Things to do TODAY

DATE _____

✓ □

1	Will make commitment		
2	God?		
3	Have not thought		
4	about God.		
5			
6	Next week [Monday]		
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
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19			
20			

March
February 8,
Rev Jim, Paul
Rosemary

Frederica Lopez

Things to do TODAY

county job DATE

✓ □

← 1	Toney -	job + housing		
2				
← 3	Mary + Joe	- housing +		
4		MH facility		
5				
6				
✓ 7	Kathy Matthews -			
8				
9	Landon Birely +			
10				
11	=RON=	AARON + DAVID		
12				
13	-DR. JOHN-	Peter Chapa +		
14		John		
15	-Bd. Meeting -			
16	Send letters or cards			
17				
18	-Randy-			
19	David Rhodes			
20	Charlotte + Julie			

Things to do TODAY

400
40
160.00

DATE _____

Chicko Norma

✓ □

1	TA Home -		
2	Chick eager		
3	Norma a little reluctant		
4			
5			
6	Auger -		
7	C - Can't hold it in -		
8			
9	N - heat up little sister.		
10	(Gets keyed up about things)		
11			
12	leave each other - worst thing.		
13			
14	→ March 8th -		
15	5 ⁰⁰ PM		
16			
17	next. after 3rd March -		
18			
19			
20			

The frustration in me is devastating---

Yet so is the fulfillment.

You are all to me--

Yet legally, nothing.

Your touch inspires roof-top shouting--

Yet we speak in whispers.

The peace, and warmth, and joy in us is what the world seeks--

Yet refuses to recognize in an unfamiliar form.

We wish, more than most, to be regarded as individuals--

Yet we are categorized.

I long to extoll your virtues--

Yet I remain ominously silent.

I prize, above all else, honesty--

Yet I live a constant lie of omission.

I seek the approval of my fellows--

Yet I do not accept their values.

I am philosophic and understanding of the world's failing--

Yet I am enraged, tormented, and resentful of mankind's
prejudices.

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Nancy Henry

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Raised by 1st step.
Mother, grandparents.

Good student.

Gay - at age 13. - 16
problems. 17 began
to deal. 18 began to
deal w it.

8 month - longest
relat. at school.

Not living tog.

Medical problem - cancer.
picked up + moved.

Growing stage for both.

Parents know - NO!

Stepmother knew (18)
parents feel guilty abt.
it. Think of it as
disgrace.

Tend to hide behind
religion on this.

Raised as strict Cath.
by G.P. left in 8th grade
Am. Bapt.

1 brother - supportive.
Close as children -

Born in Sweden.
Came U.S. age 5
parents came
before

Father colonel
army.
Retires - 1

Mother - works
for S.S.A.

Pressure age 13
on re music
+ theater.

Scholarship to
Coe College, Iowa
Bassoonist.

got ulcers - from
pressure.

'68-'71 moved to
Sweden.

Gayness taken for
granted.

Gay since 25.
Sublimates sexual
self to theater.

while doing show
met comfortable
people - began to
know.

1st lover - artist.
Conflagration - Burn
out.

7 yrs. - next lover.
Left behind in Maine.

79 - met at gay pride
march - 1 year - adult
relationship.

Learned could fall in
love again -

Lynn Amaras 19
270 Cleveland Ave.
Warwick, RI 02886
737-5093

Robin Whalen 20
55 Barber Ave
Warwick, RI.
739-8724

Been in relationship 6 mos.
Known ea other since HS.

Brn R.I. went
to same HS.

Met at 16-17 yrs.
of age.

Were friends - long talk on beach
changed things.

Been gay since 13.

1-2 mos. relationships
1 for 1 1/2 years. She
went to college.

Brn. in Chatt, Tenn.
Lived in RI 11 yrs.

College, HS. Warwick

Been gay 2 1/2 yrs.

1 for over year.

she was bisexual
& had male friend.

Moved in together after 2 weeks - in
Texas - Robin stationed there. Have
never lived together without roommate.

Heard abt MCC in Texas. Asked
Marti about H.U.

Blessing on Relationship
June 3 at 6⁰⁰ pm.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PROVIDENCE

RECORD OF HOLY UNION

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

Forasmuch as we the undersigned have
concented together in Holy Union and have wit-
nessed the same before God and those here pre-
sent and have given and pledged our love each
to the other, and have declared the same by
giving and receiving rings and by joining
hands and through prayer; we now take each
other promising to live in accordance with
our Christian beliefs, honoring, loving, and
keeping each other in sickness and in health
for as long as our love shall last.

We the undersigned bear witness to
the validity of this Union.

Pastor

February 7, 1982

Rev. Reginald,

I sincerely apologize for having become "a ~~them~~" to you since late December in regards to our acquisition of dissimulation papers. Were there a way of circumnavigating without them, I would have done so. As June 20th. is not that far away considering the preliminaries, we are anxious to get through this first major step. Any help you can give us will be appreciated.

Respectfully,
Sebastian Pasquette

HOLY UNION
OF
NANCY PEREZ AND LEIGH DIOTIMA

Celebrant: Friends, we are gathered here at the request of Leigh and Nancy to witness and to honor their vows of mutual love. Because this Holy Union is an honorable and joyous occasion, it should be entered into thoughtfully, advisedly and solemnly. Nancy and Leigh have asked us, as a community of their loving friends and family to share their joy with them and to witness their union.

PRAYER: Ruach Adonai, we humbly ask you to be present with us at this most sacred occasion. We seek your blessing for these two people who are about to enter into a covenant relationship with each other throughout a lifetime together. We know our human weaknesses and our fallibility; we know that we are often led astray by our needs and desires. Guard the relationship of these two women, that it may be a cherishing one. Help them to be truly loving and gentle in their regard for each other. Cherish them and keep them in your sight forever. Amen.

In the Old Testament, Ruth spoke these words, which richly describe the strength of the bond between women: "Entreat me not to leave thee; nor to seek from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest, I will die and there will I be buried. The Lord do so and more also, if ought save death part me and thee."

A New Testament writer described love in these words: Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongs, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love

never ends...So faith, hope and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Celebrant: Will you join hands as a sign of your commitment to each other? Do you, Leigh, take Nancy to share your life in a covenant of love? Will you therefore love and comfort her, forgive and uphold her, guard her dignity as your own, and forsaking all other ties, keep only to her in steadfast love, as long as you both shall live?

Response: I will.

Nancy, do you take Leigh to share your life in a covenant of love? Will you therefore love and comfort her, forgive and uphold her, guard her dignity as your own, and forsaking all other ties, keep only to her in steadfast love, as long as you both shall live?

Response: I will.

What tokens of sincerity do you have? (Rings) These rings are symbols of completeness and emblems of eternity. They are metal that has been tested and proven true. They are fitting symbols of your love for one another. May your love and faith prove as true in the test of time as gold does in fire.

These rings mark the beginning of a life journey together filled with wonder, surprises, laughter, tears, celebration, grief and joy. It is a sharing of both the pain and joy of each other's lives, rejoicing together in happiness, supporting each other through difficult, confusing or painful times. It will not always be easy. There are times when you will choose to be alone, and each must be the guardian of the other's solitude. There will be times of anger and hurt, but there will also be times of gentleness, of caring, and of great delight. Share and store up the good times, so that they will provide strength in the times of trial. Such union can only be created by loving purpose. May these rings be a sign to you of the continuing love you have pledge to one another today.

Let us pray: Ruach Adonai, we ask you to bless these rings; may they be truly the never-ending circle of love they represent and may that love be as pure as their metal. Amen.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS: I, Leigh, take you nancy, as my beloved, to love and cherish for the rest of my life. wear this ring as a symbol of our union and a sign to all the world of our love and devotion to one another. I proclaim my trust in you. I proclaim my love for you. I am happy to be a part of you. Whenever I see your ring, I will remember all that I have pledged to you this day.

I, Nancy, take you, Leigh, as my beloved, to love and cherish for the rest of my life. Wear this ring as a symbol of our union and a sign to all the world of our love and devotion to one another. I proclaim my trust in you, I proclaim my love for you, I am happy to be a part of you. whenever I see your ring, I will remember all that I have pledged to you here this day.

THE CHARGE TO THE COUPLE: I charge you, Leigh & Nancy, to maintain the capacity for wonder, for spontaneity, for humor; to remain flexible, warm and sensitive. Give fully to each other, show your feelings for one another. Save time for each other, no matter what demands are made upon your day. I charge you to nurture each other to fullness and wholeness, realizing that each of you will need at times to bring strength and support and worth to the other. I charge you as you grow to love each other more deeply, to discover out of that love a love for all creation in which the mystery of your love has happened.

My prayer for you is that your dwelling place shall be a house of peace and love. May you have the courage to meet adversity and may all who follow your lives with affection have cause to rejoice in your happiness. Laugh together, cry together, work together and play together. Proclaim your love openly in both words and actions. Let the union of your bodies be a means of expressing the love which overflows from the joining of your minds and hearts. Do these things with the knowledge that you have joined yourselves to one another in a relationship based on love.

Now, as Leigh and nancy have pledged themselves to each other in the presence of Kuach Adonai and these witnesses, I do as minister of the Metropolitan Community Church pronounce you joined in Holy Union, in the name of El Shaddai, our creator. Go in peace and love. May the glorious sun of life flood upon your beings, filling you with love and joy, and may your days be long and good upon the earth.

Nancy Perez

Leigh Dietima

Witnesses

Rev. Marjorie Ragona

LET US PRAY: Lord, we ask you to bless these rings; may they be truly the never-ending circle of love they represent, and may that love be as strong as their metal, with your help. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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You have exchanged promises; you have sought God's blessing; You have united yourselves in the sight of God. The road you have chosen is not an easy one; therefore look to God for guidance, for sometimes you may be in doubt. Look to God for strength, for sometimes you may weaken; Look to God for understanding, for sometimes you may fall. Look to God through each other for all that is really important in your relationship.

Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God. Where thou diest, I will die and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me and more also, if even death parts me and thee.

Paul described LOVE in these words:

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends... So faith, hope and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Do you _____, take _____ to share your life in a covenant of love. Will you therefore love and comfort her, forgive and uphold her, guard her dignity as your own, and forsaking all other ties, keep only to her in steadfast love, as long as you both shall live?

Response: I WILL.

What tokens of sincerity do you have? (Rings)

These rings are symbols of completeness and emblems of eternity. They are metal that has been tested and proven true. They are fitting symbols of your love for each other. May your love and faith prove as true in the test of time as gold does in fire, and may they endure until death do you part.

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We are met in the presence of God to unite two people in the sacred ties of holy union. Let us pray:

God, be merciful to us and bless us and cause your face to shine upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those who take the vows of ^{MARRIAGE} ~~holy union~~ are brought into the closest and most sacred of human relationships. Their lives are blended into one as the waters of confluent streams are mingled, and thenceforth, they share the joys and sorrows of life. From this close and intimate relationship spring obligations of the most solemn and lasting character. They are under obligations to protect one another, to shield each other from the rough storms of the world, to maintain unfaltering fidelity, to cherish each other with unfailing affection, and to guard each other's happiness with unceasing vigilance.

"The love of which I speak is slow to lose patience -- it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive: it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance. Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy.

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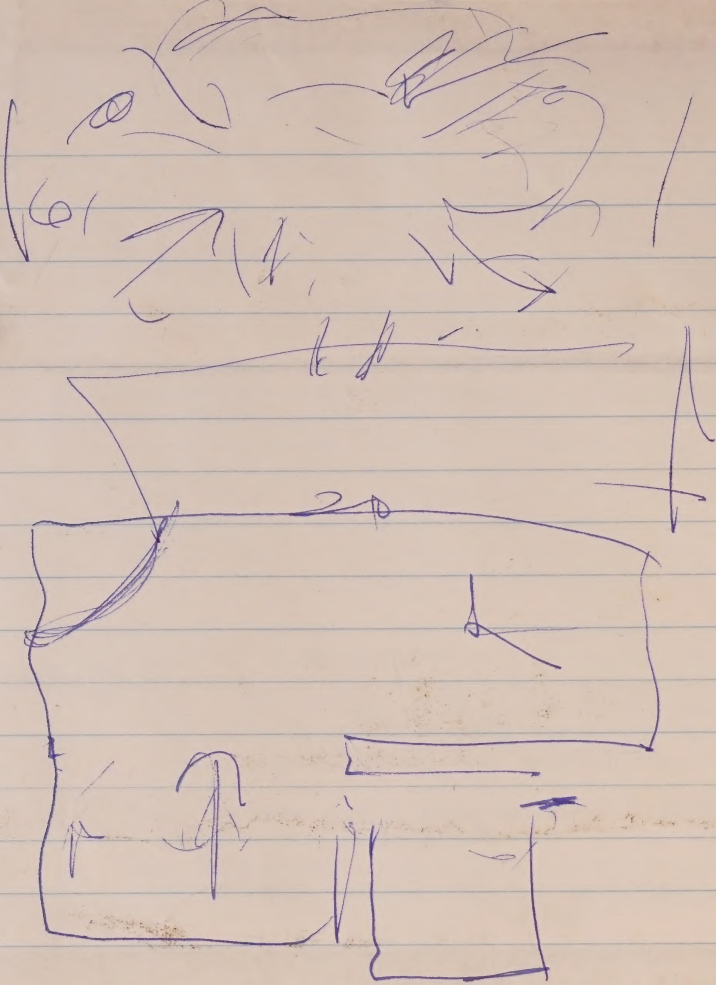
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Laugh together, cry together; work together and play together. Proclaim your love openly, both in words and actions. Let the union of your bodies be a means of expressing the love which overflows from the joining of your minds and hearts. Do these things with the knowledge that on this day you joined yourselves to one another in a relationship based on love.

As you have mutually assumed this Holy Covenant, I do as minister of the Metropolitan Community Church, pronounce you joined in Holy ~~Union~~ MATRIMONY in the name of the One God, Our Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Those whom God hath joined together let no one put asunder.

BENEDICTION: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God's countenance be upon you and give you peace, now and forever.
Amen.





*We have experienced love . . .
with our parents, our families and friends
and now a new love with each other.*

*With sincere joy and a firm desire
to give this love its fullest expression
we will be joined in Holy Union
on Sunday, September twelfth
nineteen hundred and eighty-two
at six o'clock*

*Somewhere
295 Franklin Street
Boston, Massachusetts
Barbara
and
Jo Ann*



Soft as a
Butterfly's Wing...
Love Brushes the World
with Beauty

Session III

1. How do they feel about #4 as a religious rite?
2. What is role of God in their relationship?
3. What is the nature of their commitment?
4. How do they want to word that commitment?
5. Covenant — What promises are they making
 - a. length of relationship - lifetime?
 - b. Do they understand the seriousness of the commitment they are making.
6. Actual plans for #4.
Where?

Time?

Date?

of people involved

Clothing? [i.e. robes, etc.]

7. Finances

1. Church rent
2. Fee to HCC
3. Musician?

(1)

Dear Audrey and Ann,

Rev: Today you are surrounded by your family and friends, all of whom are gathered to witness your union and to share in the joy of this occasion which should be one of the most memorable and happiest days of your life.

Let this union serve as a source of common energy, as a form in which you find the strength to live your lives with courage.

From this day onward you must come closer together than ever before, you must love one another in sickness and in health for better and for worse but at the same time your love should give you the strength to stand apart, to seek out your unique destinies. A successful union involves the avoidance of the unforgivable.

Today as you join yourselves in this union, you stand before me as two mature and thoughtful people who wish to express their emotions within the framework of a meaningful life.

Finally, we wish that at the end of your lives you will be able to say these two things to each other: because you have loved me, you have given me faith in myself; and because I have seen the good in you, I have received from you a faith in humanity.... what greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined, to strengthen each other... and to be one with each other in silent unspeakable memories.

Are you now ready to confirm your love
in the responsibility of a union?

A + A: Yes we are.

Rev: Do you call upon this company to
witness your vows?

A + A: We do.

Rev: What token do you offer in pledging these vows?

A + A (or Michael) These rings.

Audrey: (while placing the ring on Ann's finger)
With this ring

Rev: Do you Audrey, promise that from this
day onward you will stand with Ann for
better or for worse, in joy and sorrow,
for richer and for poorer in sickness and
in health, so long as you both shall live?

Audrey: I do (while placing the ring on
Ann's finger) With this ring I join
my life with yours.

And so, Audrey & Ann, in expressing your private vows before ~~as~~ this loving company, you have pronounced yourselves united. May I extend my best wishes for your continued happiness today and the days of your lives, and ask you both to abide in your dedication as expressed today.

From this moment on go your separate ways together, remembering always to be each others best friends.

Bless you.

Please join Audrey & Ann in their celebration.

Laraine Veno
and
Gail Earthe

Invite you to share in the joy
and beginning of their new
lives together -

We ask for your prayers and
blessings for our "Holy Union" on
Sunday, June 26, 1983 @ 6¹⁵ P.M.

Old West Church
131 Cambridge Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Metropolitan Community Church of Boston

On this day
My friend and I will make
A Holy Commitment to
each other -

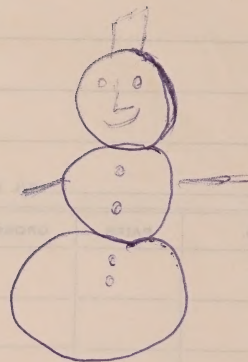
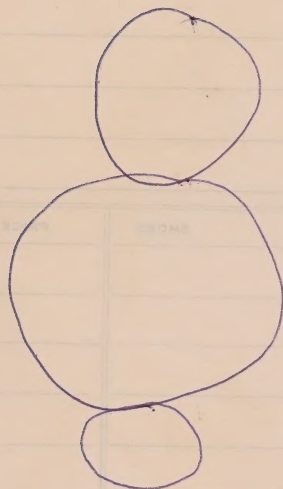
We will share our Dreams,
Life and Love ~

Order No 15278

Joanne
~~Barbara~~

ROGERS BROS. SHIP
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